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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study or analysis has been made by the Government during 1999-2000 to ascertain the reasons for decline in the standard of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improving the standard of sports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c): No Sir. However, the performance of Indian sports persons is evaluated after major sports events in order that appropriate further steps may be initiated in respect of various disciplines.

(d) The following steps are being taken for improving the standard of sports :-

(i) As per the Government Policy and Olympic Charter, the National Sports Federations, recognised by the Government are primarily responsible for the promotion of their disciplines. The National Sports Federations have formulated Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) covering various aspects, in consultation, inter-alia, with the Sports Authority of India. The National Sports Federations are being assisted in arranging coaching camps for sports persons included in the National Teams, with the help of Indian and Foreign coaches, provision of requisite equipment and scientific supports through the sports Authority of India.

(ii) The Federations are also assisted in holding National Level championships and in sending sports persons for participation in International Sports Events.

(iii) Promising sports persons are being provided a package of assistance (up to Rs. 5 lakhs per year) for training and up-gradation of their skills. Supporting personnel, such as coaches and sports scientists, are also being assisted to undergo specialised training.

(iv) Assistance is being provided in the creation of sports infrastructure, including laying of Synthetic Surfaces.

(v) With a view to further motivate the sports persons, Awards and Incentives are provided. The scale of Awards has been increased substantially.

(vi) Department (other than the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports) are also being persuaded to extend incentives to sports persons and to consider measures for the employment of sports persons/provision of loans from Banks etc.